



**HERITAGE
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Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01567
2. **NAME** *Merredin Fire Station Complex* (1920; 1935)
3. **LOCATION** 28 Bates Street, Merredin
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**

Lot 115 on Deposited Plan 150524 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 964 Folio 154 and Lot 168 on Deposited Plan 139034 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1039 Folio 385.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Merredin
6. **OWNER** Fire & Emergency Services Authority of WA
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	07/09/2006
	Permanent Entry	29/10/2010
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	16/04/1999
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Merredin Fire Station Complex, comprising Merredin Fire Station (1935), a single-storey brick, render and clay tiled building in the Interwar Stripped Classical style, and the Old Fire Station (1920), a timber and iron vernacular utilitarian building, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

Merredin Fire Station Complex is a rare and representative example of a fire station complex that has functioned continuously since 1920;

Merredin Fire Station Complex has been operated by the Merredin Volunteer Fire Brigade since its inception, and is esteemed by the community for its long and valuable service;

Merredin Fire Station (1935) was built as Western Australia recovered from the Great Depression, and was among the first fire stations built in a period

of intense construction of fire stations, with 18 built between 1934 and 1938;

Merredin Fire Station (1935) is a rare remaining, original example of its type and period;

Merredin Fire Station (1935) is associated with architect K.C. Duncan, designer of the majority of fire stations built in Western Australia from 1930 to 1960, and who was an office bearer and life member of the Volunteer Fire Brigades' Association; and,

Merredin Fire Station Complex contributes to the community's sense of place through its operation as a fire station from 1920 to 2009, and for the distinctive presence of Merredin Fire Station (1935) in a main street in Merredin.

The carport, shed, patio, and c.1980s toilets are of no heritage significance.